

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
August 8, 2022**

President Johnson called the Regular Council Meeting of the Cassopolis Village Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Council Members Present: Luckey, Kelly, Johnson, Williams, Danzy-Yeager and Pedersen  
Council Members Absent: Conner

**The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.**

**Consent Agenda:** Kelly motioned, seconded by Williams, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2022
- B. Approval of Invoices - \$370,366.41
- C. MOU for trail

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Kelly, Johnson, Williams, Danzy-Yeager, Pedersen and Luckey

Nays:

Absent: Conner

Abstain:

**Motion Carried.**

**Managers' Report:**

Village Manager LaGrow discussed:

- Working on multiple grants, some have been successful and some have not been successful.
- The muralist will be back next week and will be doing some other things around the village, so far, it's looking great and the kids love it.
- The next Rock the Block will be this Saturday.
- Village Manager LaGrow will be away for some time at a conference and then on vacation after that.
- Some members of the Village staff will be speaking at a conference in Alma, MI. We are working on a presentation. The MML Conference will be in October so please let Tonia know if you would like to attend so she can register you.
- We are also working on phase 2 of the beach and a housing grant that will pay for energy saving upgrades.

**Public Comment:**

Merry Clark thinks the proposed path connecting the Village to Decatur Rd is fabulous. She wanted to know when the plans for it started and suggested part of the path in the Smart Park being covered. Village Manager LaGrow stated that we are in the conceptual phase and have been meeting for the past 7 months.

Ted Gogol spoke on the lake board special assessment renewal and the dates set up for notices and public hearings for the summer tax roll of 2023. They are looking at about a 10-15% increase due to inflation. The rates will be discussed further and Ted will have conversations with the homeowners. More harvesting is needed and that is also adding to the need for more funding. He also discussed some bookings that are happening at his lodge and will discuss some lodging with Hydro Aluminum while construction is ongoing.

Pedersen commended Ted on working with the harvesters on coming back to complete their work. He likes path and wants a non-motorized path into the village from Forest Shores as well. He also discussed the missing middle grant coming out that we should be looking into. He asked about Congressman Upton coming into town. Village Manager LaGrow stated he is coming for a tour since he helped with some grant funding for the Hydro project. The Governor will also be here at the end of the month.

**Miscellaneous: Council Concerns/Items:**

Johnson asked for more info on the proposed path and if it will be in phases. Village Manager LaGrow stated that it will be in phases and we have commitments on easements that we need for 1st phase, but the rest will depend on the route chosen to complete the path.

**Adjournment:**

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tonia Betty, Village Clerk

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
David L. Johnson, Village President